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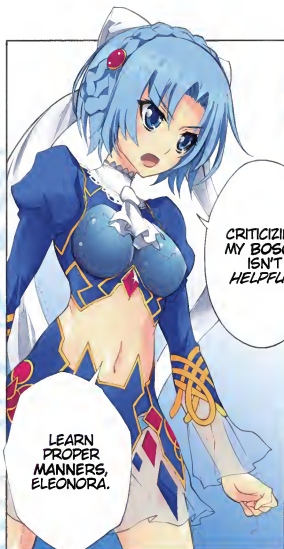




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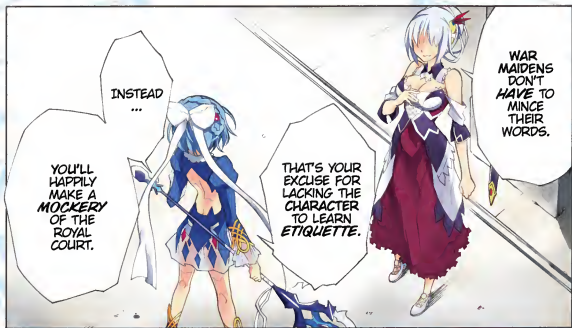


LEARN
PROPER
MANNERS,
ELEONORA.

CRITICIZING
MY BOSOM
ISN'T
HELPFUL.



SO PETTY.
TYPICAL.
I'M TRYING
TO HELP.



INSTEAD
...

YOU'LL
HAPPILY
MAKE A
MOCKERY
OF THE
ROYAL
COURT.

THAT'S YOUR
EXCUSE FOR
LACKING THE
CHARACTER
TO LEARN
ETIQUETTE.

WAR
MAIDENS
DON'T
HAVE TO
MINCE
THEIR
WORDS.

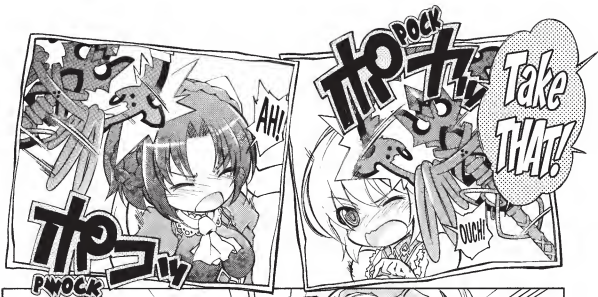


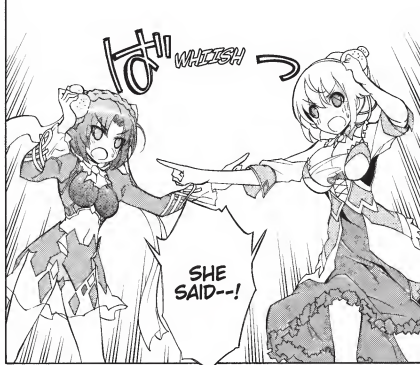
WAR MAIDENS
AREN'T
RANKED
BY STYLE
OR MAN-
NERS!

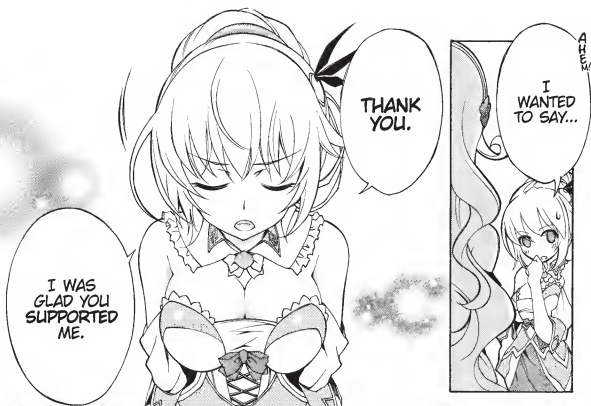


I CAN
DRESS
WELL--
UNLIKE
YOU!











I'M NOT
FAMILIAR
WITH HIS
OBSCURE
CLAN.

BUT
TELL ME...
WILL YOU
LET HIM
DRAG
YOU INTO
BRUNE'S
CIVIL
WAR?

COUNT
VORN.



THIS...
WHAT
WAS
IT...?



NONE
OF
YOUR
BUSI-
NESS!

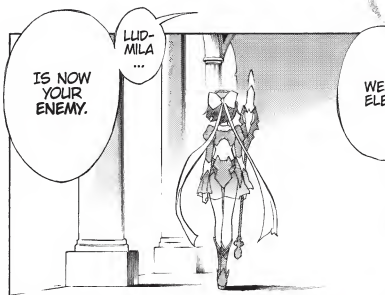


SUCH A
PITY THAT
HE HAS TO
RELY ON
AN UNTRIED
WAR MAIDEN.



UGH!

.....



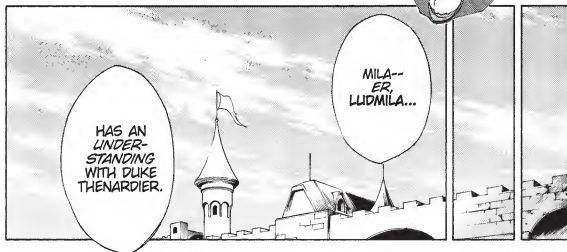
IS NOW
YOUR
ENEMY.

LUD-
MILA
...

WELL,
ELEN.

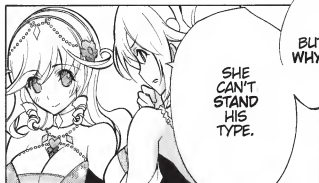


HOW
SO?



HAS AN
UNDER-
STANDING
WITH DUKE
THENARDIER.

MILA--
ER,
LUDMILA...



SHE
CAN'T
STAND
HIS
TYPE.

BUT
WHY?



AN
UNDER-
STANDING
?!



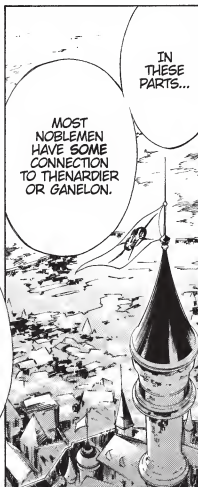
BUT HE
REPRESENTS
BRUNE FAR
AND WIDE.

HE'S
HARDLY
CHIVAL-
ROUS.



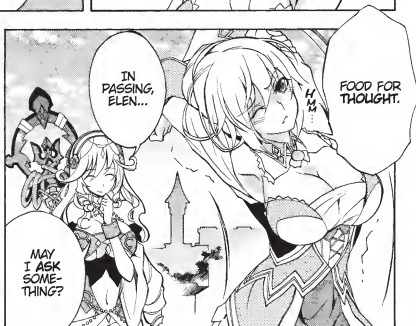
YOU
AND COUNT
VORN FACE
MORE FOES
THAN JUST
THENARDIER.

I HOPE
YOU
REALIZE...



IN
THESE
PARTS...

MOST
NOBLEMEN
HAVE SOME
CONNECTION
TO THENARDIER
OR GANELON.



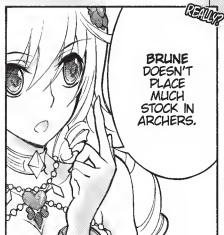




HE CARES
FOR HIS
PEOPLE.

HE'S
FLAWED,
YET...

HE'D RISK
LIFE AND
LIMB FOR
THEIR SAKE.



REALLY?

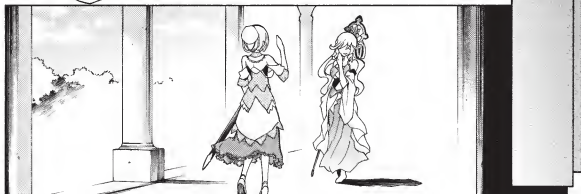
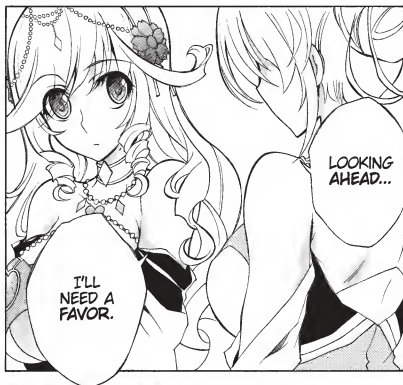
BRUNE
DOESN'T
PLACE
MUCH
STOCK IN
ARCHERS.



AND...

HE'S
JAW-
DROPPING
WITH A
BOW AND
ARROW.

SHOCKINGLY
GOOD.



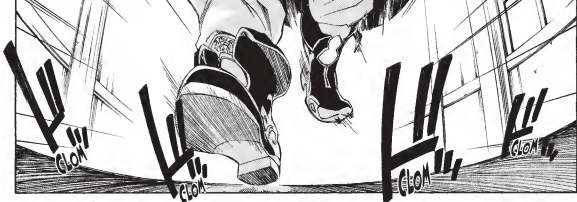
NOW I
SHOULD
RETURN
TO TIGRE
AND THE
REST.

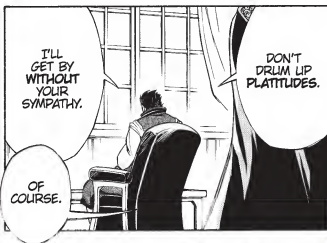
I HAVE
THE KING'S
BLESSING.

WELL...



OFF
WE
GO.







WHAT
ARE THEY
FORGED
FROM?

NO
EARTHLY
ELEMENT.



SOME
FOLK
SAY WAR
MAIDENS'
WEAPONS
ARE
UNSTOP-
PABLE.

COULD
MANAGE
THAT.

I
EXPECT
SO.

A
DRAGON
GEAR...



THERE
WILL BE...
EXPENSES.

I'D SAY
ABOUT A
MONTH.

WHEN WILL
YOU HAVE
MY NEW
DRAGON?

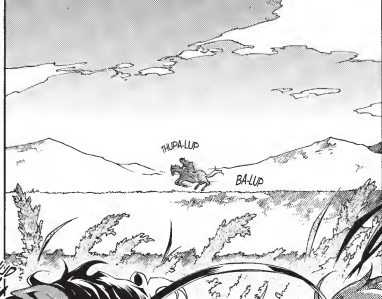
HUMPH.

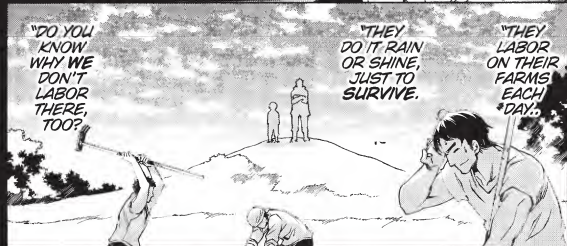


I'LL
SEND THE
SEVEN
CHAINS.

I'VE NO
CHOICE.

ONE
SHOULDN'T
CRUSH A
BEETLE
WITH AN
AXE,
BUT...





"WE
STRIVE TO
RESTORE
THEIR
PEACE.

"WHEN
THEY'RE
OVER-
RUN BY
STRIFE...

"LISTEN,
TIGREV-
URMLID.

"THAT'S
OUR
LABOR.

"WHEN
THEY
NEED
US,
WE'RE
HERE.

FATHER
...

"THAT'S
A LORD'S
DUTY."

"YOU
MUSTN'T
FORGET
IT.

I
SHOULD
HEAD
HOME.

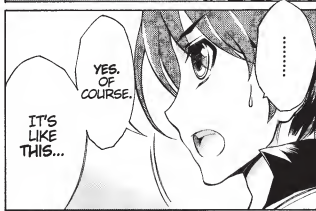
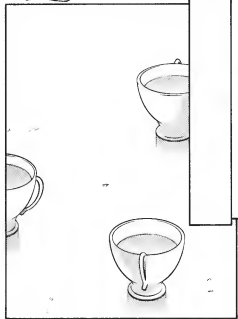
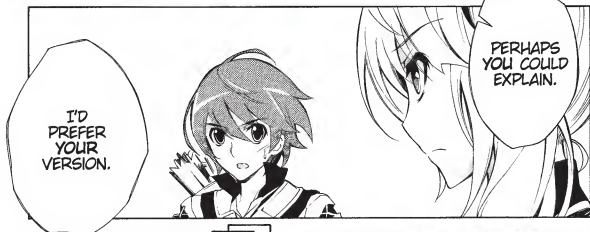
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BY THIS STRANGER'S PRESENCE.





IT WAS SENSIBLE.

FORGIVE MY BRUSQUE WELCOME.



LADY LIMALISHA.

PERMIT ME TO APOLOGIZE FOR DOUBTING YOUR WORD.

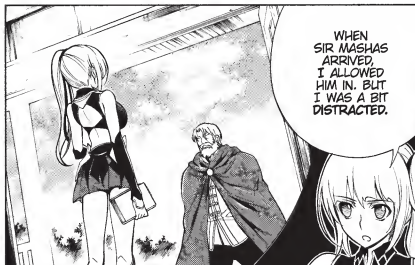


SLURP?

WELL, THEN.



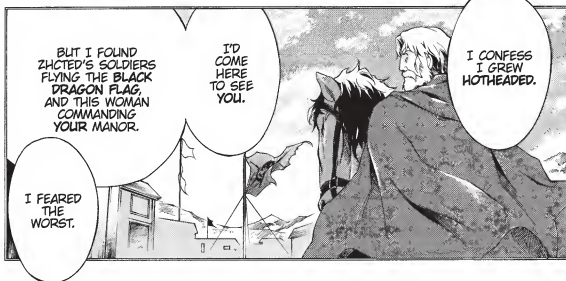
Clank



WHEN SIR MASHAS ARRIVED, I ALLOWED HIM IN. BUT I WAS A BIT DISTRACTED.



WHAT HAPPENED?



BUT I FOUND ZHCTED'S SOLDIERS FLYING THE BLACK DRAGON FLAG, AND THIS WOMAN COMMANDING YOUR MANOR.

I'D COME HERE TO SEE YOU.

I CONFESS I GREW HOTHEADED.

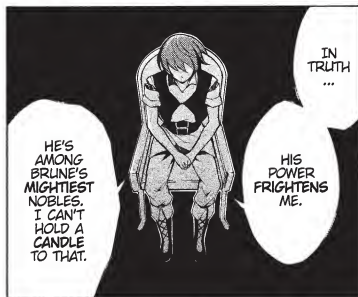
I FEARED THE WORST.







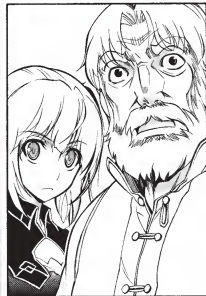
I'LL
FIGHT
DUKE
THENARDIER!



HE'S
AMONG
BRUNE'S
MIGHTIEST
NOBLES.
I CAN'T
HOLD A
CANDLE
TO THAT.

IN
TRUTH
...

HIS
POWER
FRIGHTENS
ME.





ALSACE...

AND
YET...

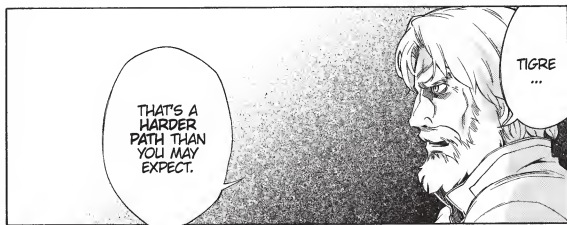


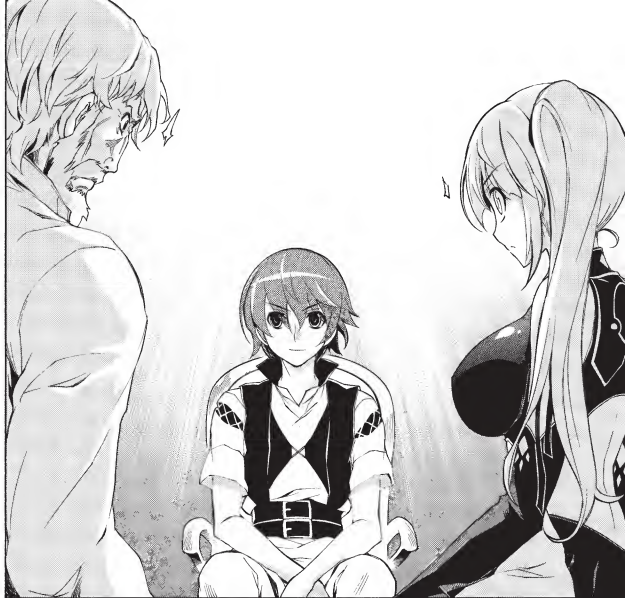
I'M THEIR
RECOURSE
IN TIMES
OF NEED!

IS MINE
THROUGH
MY
FATHER.

PROTECTING
ITS PEOPLE
IS MY
CALLING!

I'M
THEIR
LORD!





CHAPTER 12: END



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◆ IN THE NATIONAL
INTEREST



W-

I HAVE
CONTACTS
AT COURT.

THEY'LL
HELP OUR
CAUSE
REACH
THE KING.

WAIT!
YOU
DON'T
NEED
TO--

RIGHT.

WELL,
I'LL
DELIVER
THAT
LETTER.

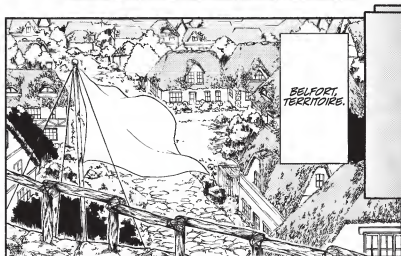
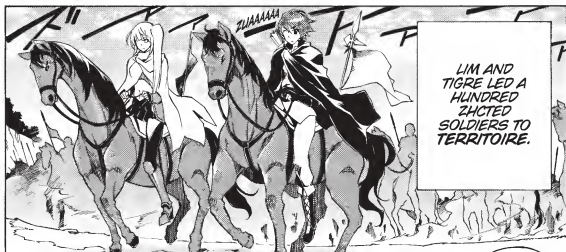
TIGRE...

I SUGGEST
VISITING
TERRITOIRE
TO CALL ON
VISCOUNT
HUGUES
AUGRE.

HE'S
POLITICALLY
IMPARTIAL,
YET WELL-
CONNECTED.

NOW
THEN

AS TO
ALLIES...







HE SAID
IF TIGRE
SUBDUED
BANDITS
SHELTERING
IN THE
VOSGES
MOUNTAINS
...

HE COULD
OFFER HIS
BACKING.



VISCOUNT
AUGRE
WAS TOLD
OF THE
RECENT
CLASHES.



LIM AND
TIGRE
MADE
SHORT
WORK
OF THE
THIEVES,
EARNING
VISCOUNT
AUGRE'S
SUPPORT.



BEFORE
A WEEK
PASSED...





AH!

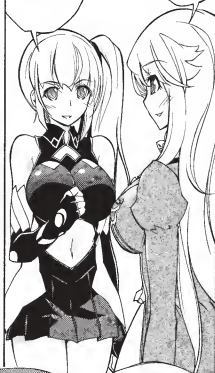
THERE
YOU
ARE!

STAAARE



I'M
PLEASED
TO SEE
YOU SAFE,
LADY
ELEO-
NORA.

WELL
DONE,
LIM.



WHAT
COULD
HAVE
CHANGED?



YOU
WERE SO
DOUR
WHEN
I LEFT
ALSACE...
NOW,
YOU SEEM
CALM.

WELL...

I THINK
I'LL BE
LESS
OF A
BURDEN.

LET'S
CATCH UP
INSIDE.

I HOPE
YOU'LL
FIND MY
HIDEAWAY
RELAXING.

I
SEE.



PERHAPS
I'LL BEGIN.

WELL.

I ACQUIRED
THE KING'S
PERMISSION.

BUT NOT
WITHOUT
STRINGS.



IT'LL BE
ABSORBED
INTO
ZHCED
ITSELF.

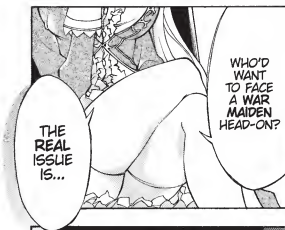
THUS,
I WON'T
RULE
ALSACE.

ANY
TERRITORY
I WIN MUST
BE OFFERED
TO ZHCED.

FOR
ONE...







WHO'D WANT TO FACE A WAR MAIDEN HEAD-ON?



HOW CAN THAT BE?!

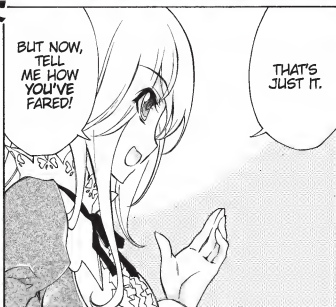


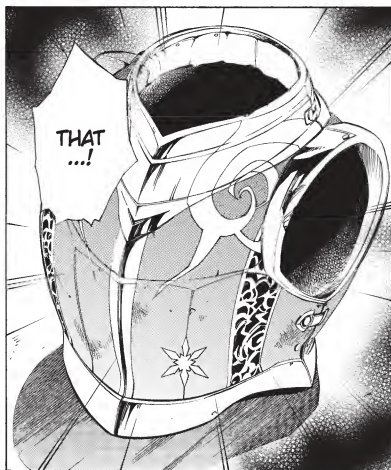
IS THAT RIGHT?

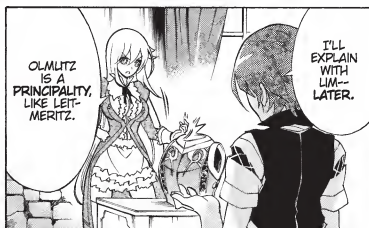
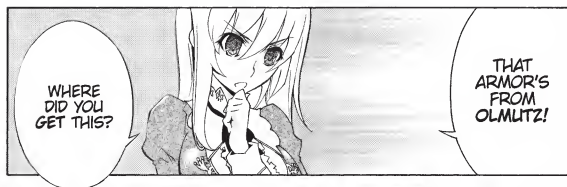


BUT NOW, TELL ME HOW YOU'VE FARED!

THAT'S JUST IT.



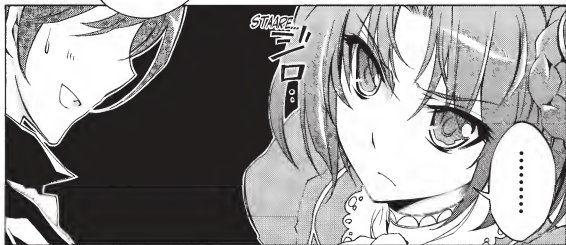
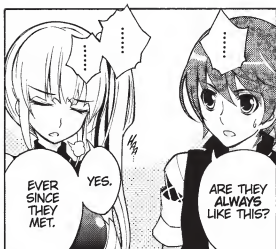
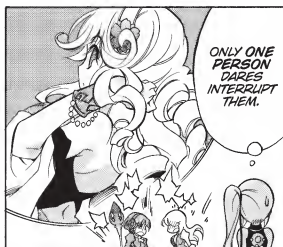








FIRST,
YOU
APOLOGIZE
FOR
EAVES-
DROPPING!





FOLLOW
ME,
COUNT
TIGRE-
VURMUD
VORN.



H/V?
THIS
NON-
SENSE
ISN'T
WHY I
CAME.



THERE'S NO
NEED, TIGRE.
SHE'S NOT
REALLY MY
GUEST.



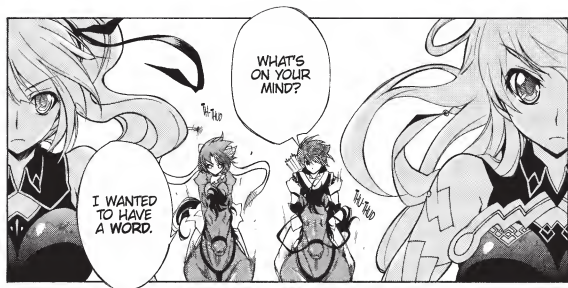
WH....
WHAT
ARE
YOU
UP
TO?!

?!
?



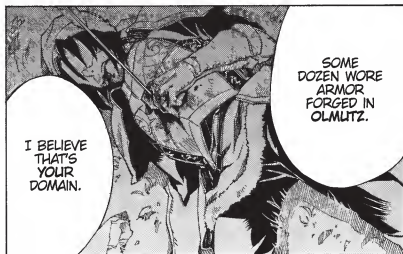
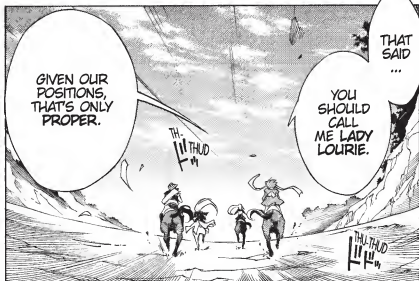
I STOPPED
BY EN ROUTE
TO ALSACE,
JUST IN
CASE YOU
WERE IN.

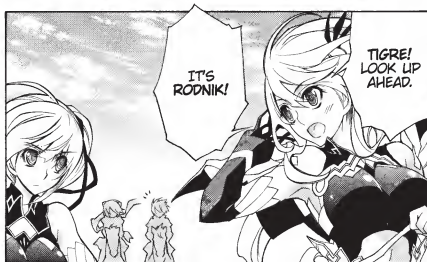
HE AND
I HAVE
SOME
BUSINESS.





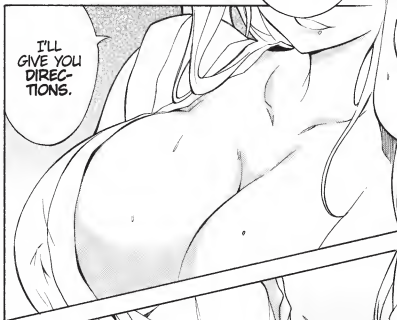








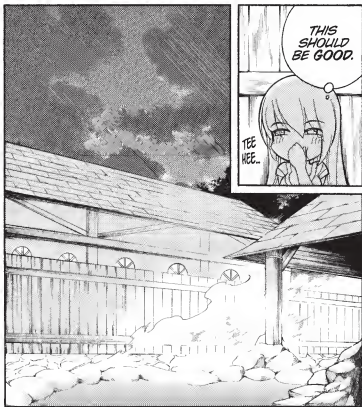
YOU
HAVEN'T
BEEN
TO THE
BATH-
HOUSE
YET, HAVE
YOU?



YOU'RE
WELCOME,
TOO.

THERE
ARE THREE
BATH-
HOUSES.
ONE IS
FOR WAR
MAIDENS' PRIVATE
USE.









CHAPTER 13: END





14

THE SNOW PRINCESS
OF FROZEN RIPPLE





HOWEVER...

THEY
DEPARTED
RODNIK'S
HOT
SPRINGS
BRIGHT
AND
EARLY.

ELEN AND
LUDMILA
CHOSE TO
RETURN
TO THEIR
MANORS.

WHILE
CROSSING
THE FOREST,
THEY WERE
AMBUSHED
BY
STRANGERS.

TWACK!

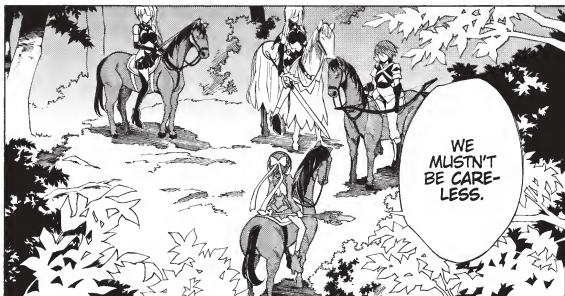
WHY NOT
DROP THAT
SCENE AT
THE BATH-
HOUSE?

HE'S
BEEN
PUNISHED
PLENTY.

HIM?!
IT WAS
YOUR
FAULT!

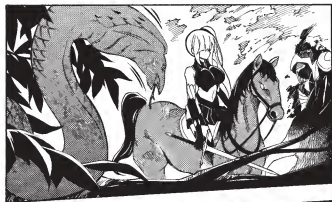
JUSTICE...

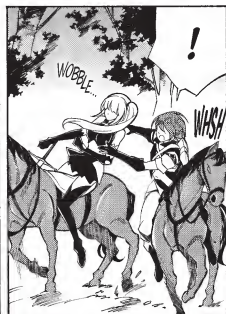
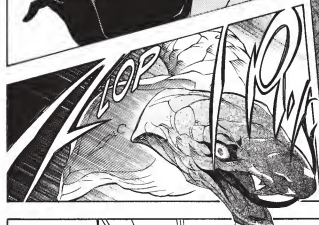
...WAS
NEARLY
SERVED.



















PIERCE
AND
FREEZE
THE SKY!!

TMP

LAVI-
AS!



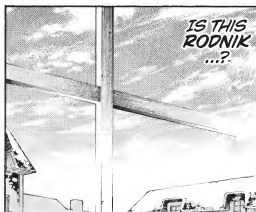


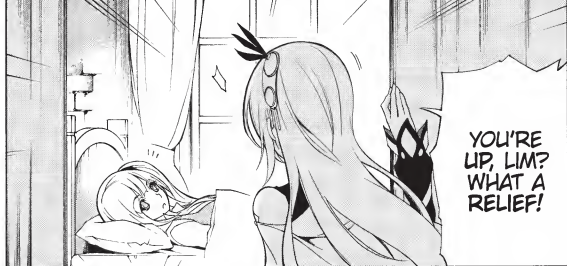


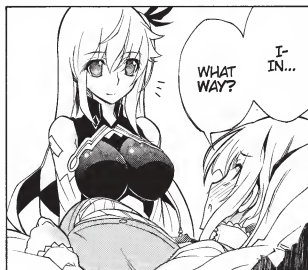


SHE SHOULD MAKE IT IF WE HASTEN TO RODNIK!







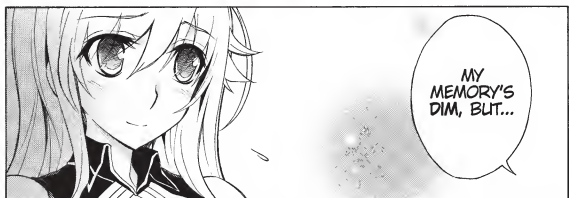






BUT...

DIDN'T
YOU BRING
ME HERE?

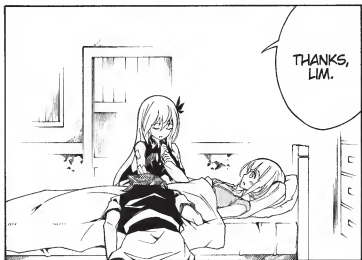


MY
MEMORY'S
DIM, BUT...



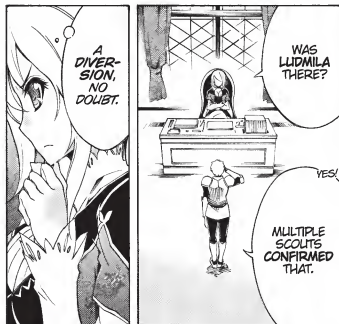
I'LL
COME
BACK.

Someday...



THANKS,
LIM.







LUDMILA?

I KNEW
SHE'D
SIDE
WITH
THENAR-
DIER.

WHAT'S
YOUR
NEXT
MOVE...

CHAPTER 14: END





VISCOUNT
ALIGRE
PASSED
IT ON THIS
MORNING.

YES.

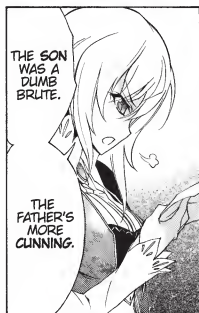
IT SEEMS
MEANT FOR
LUDMILA.

A LETTER
FROM
THENARDIER
?!



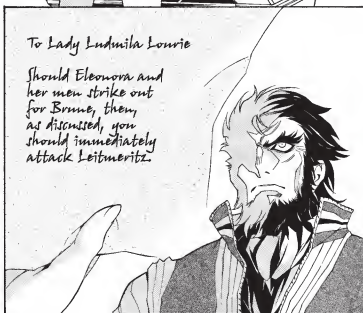
THIS
LETTER
WAS
AMONG
HIS
THINGS.

A SUSPICIOUS
STRANGER
WAS DETAINED
CROSSING
ALIGRE'S
LANDS.



THE SON
WAS A
DUMB
BRUTE.

THE
FATHER'S
MORE
CUNNING.



To Lady Ludmila Lourie

Should Eleonora and
her men strike out
for Brune, then
as discussed, you
should immediately
attack Leitmeritz.



YOU
THINK
....!

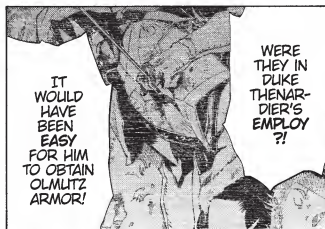


HE
INTENDED
THIS
LETTER
TO FALL
INTO MY
HANDS.



EVEN IF
THENARDIER
WANTED THIS
DELIVERED
QUICKLY,
ENTERING THE
VISCOUNT'S
LANDS WAS
A RISK.

VISCOUNT
AUGRE
DESPISES
THE DUKE.



IT
WOULD
HAVE
BEEN
EASY
FOR HIM
TO OBTAIN
OLMUTZ
ARMOR!

WERE
THEY IN
DUKE
THENAR-
DIER'S
EMPLOY
?!?



THOSE
BANDITS
...

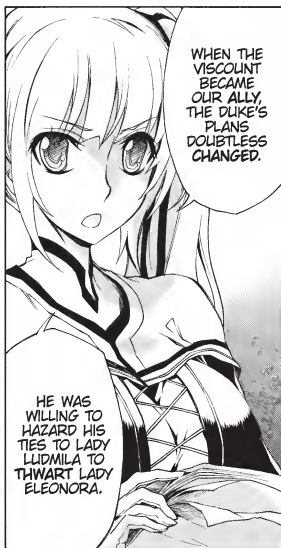
YET
SUPPOSE
VISCOUNT
AUGRE WASN'T
ON OUR
SIDE?

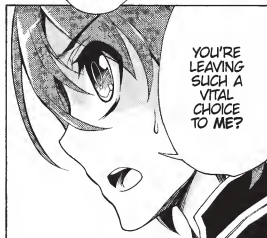
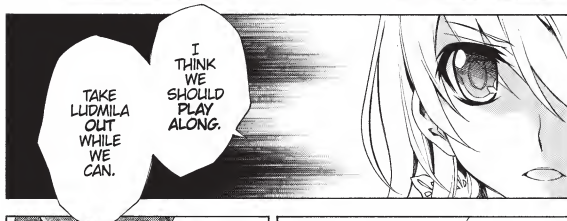
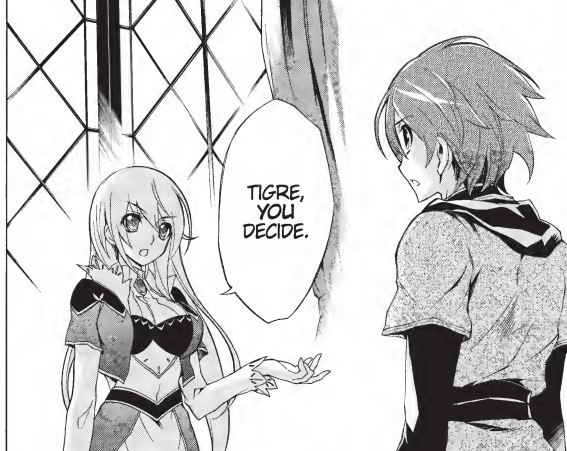
HUH
?!

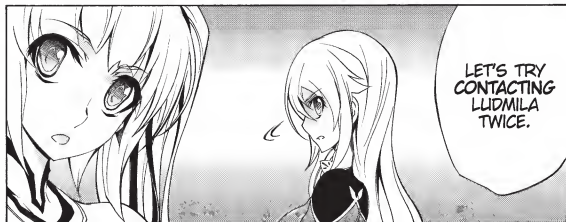
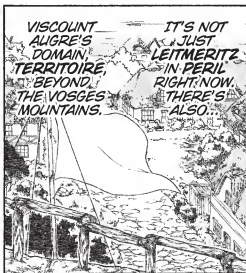


THENARDIER'S
MORE THAN
CAPABLE
OF THAT.

VISCOUNT
AUGRE IS
NEUTRAL...
BUT COULD BE
INTIMIDATED.









AND
SHOULD
SHE
REFUSE?



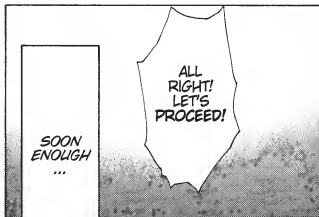
AND TO
WITHDRAW
HER ARMY
AS PROOF.

WE'LL ASK
THAT SHE
CONFIRM THE
LETTER'S
FORGED,
THAT SHE
HAS PEACEFUL
INTENTIONS...



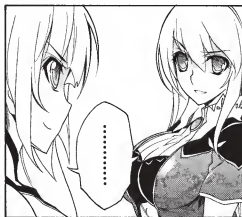
WE'LL
FORCE
HER TO
COMPLY.

THEN...



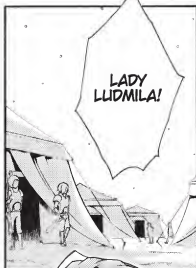
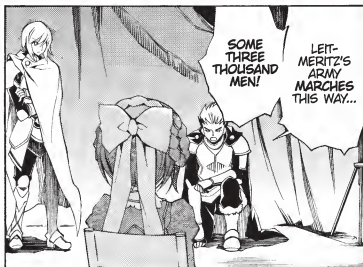
SOON
ENOUGH
...

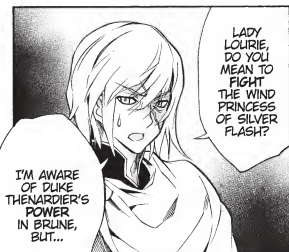
ALL
RIGHT!
LET'S
PROCEED!



.....

LUDMILA
REFUSED
ELEONORA'S
LETTER
TWICE.





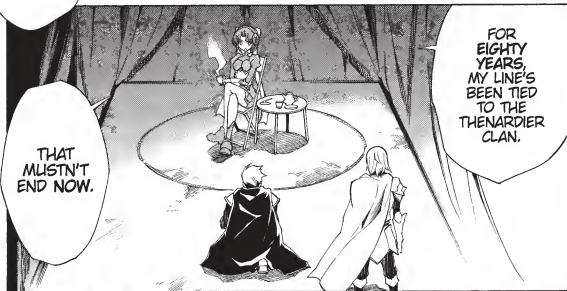
I'M AWARE
OF DUKE
THENARDIER'S
POWER
IN BRUNE,
BUT...

LADY
LOURIE,
DO YOU
MEAN TO
FIGHT
THE WIND
PRINCESS
OF SILVER
FLASH?



HMP!
HE'S
NOTHING
SPECIAL.

RED
HAIR...
TIGRE-
VIRMUD
VORN,
NO DOUBT.



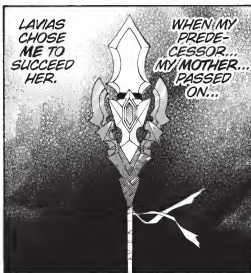
THAT
MUSTN'T
END NOW.

FOR
EIGHTY
YEARS,
MY LINE'S
BEEN TIED
TO THE
THENARDIER
CLAN.



NOTHING
LIKE
ELEONORA!

I'M
DIGNIFIED,
DUTIFUL...

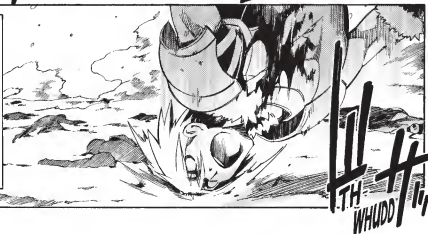


LAVIAS
CHOSE
ME TO
SUCCEED
HER.

WHEN MY
PREDE-
CESSOR...
MY MOTHER...
PASSED
ON...



A HUNDRED
MEN PERISHED
ON BOTH SIDES,
YET THE FIRST
DAY'S CLASHES
ENDED IN
STALEMATE.







I'LL JUST
BET. SHE
MUST HAVE
GUESSED
OUR PLAN IN
YESTERDAY'S
BATTLE.



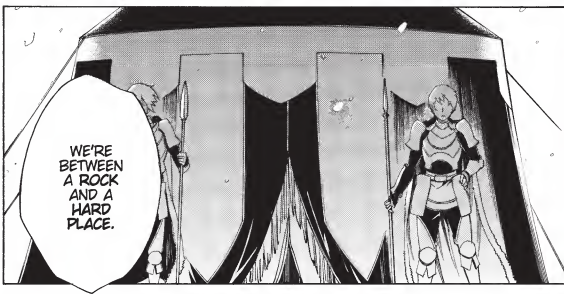
DO YOU
THINK
LUDMILA
PLANNED
THIS ALL
ALONG?



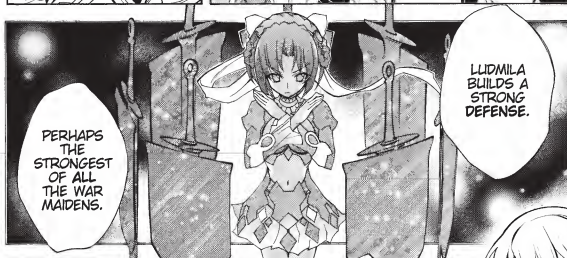
WE'LL
HASTEN
TO
TATRA'S
BASE!



PULL
OFF
THE
FIELD!



WE'RE
BETWEEN
A ROCK
AND A
HARD
PLACE.



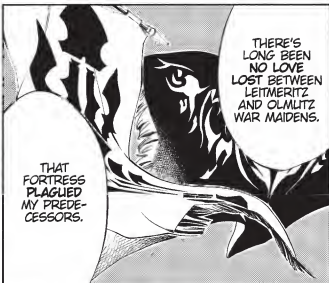


WAR
MAIDENS
GO BY
BLOOD-
LINE?



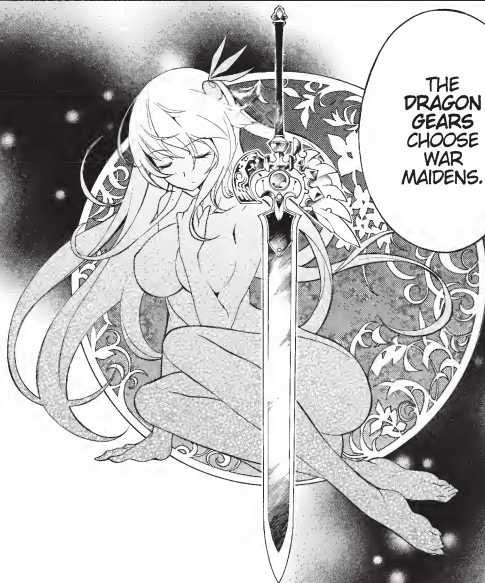
OH...

I
SUPPOSE
I CAN
TELL
YOU.



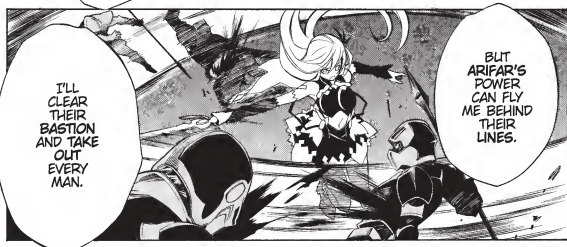
THERE'S
LONG BEEN
NO LOVE
LOST BETWEEN
LEITMERITZ
AND OLMUTZ
WAR MAIDENS.

THAT
FORTRESS
PLAGUED
MY PREDE-
CESSORS.



THE
DRAGON
GEARS
CHOOSE
WAR
MAIDENS.





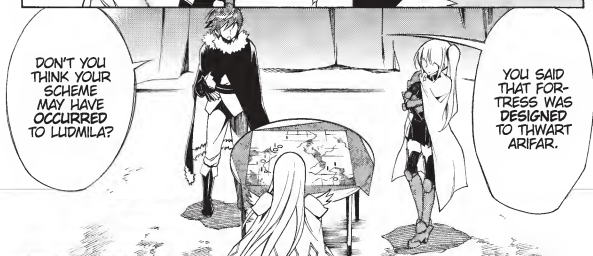


IT'S
THE
ONLY
WAY!

DON'T
YOU
BELIEVE
IN ME?!



NO!



DON'T YOU
THINK YOUR
SCHEME
MAY HAVE
OCCURRED
TO LUDMILA?

YOU SAID
THAT FOR-
TRESS WAS
DESIGNED
TO THWART
ARIFAR.





LET ME
SURVEY
MOUNT
TATRA.



SUGGEST
SOME-
THING
ELSE,
THEN.



I'M
SOMETHING
OF A
CLIMBER.

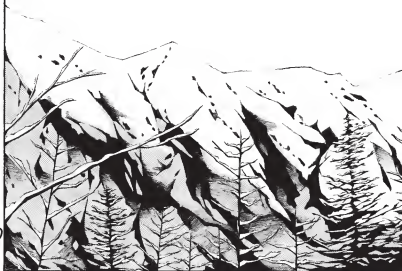


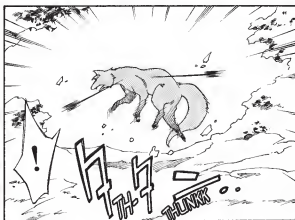
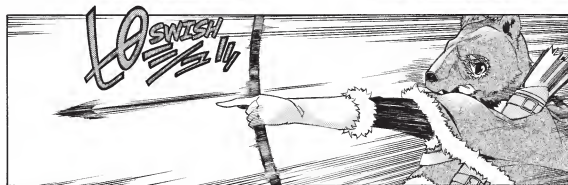
I'LL
FIND
US A
SHORT-
CUT
TO ITS
PEAK.

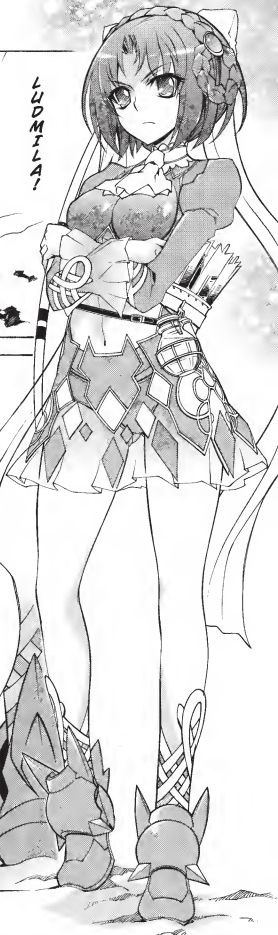
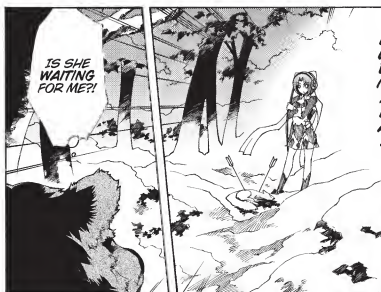


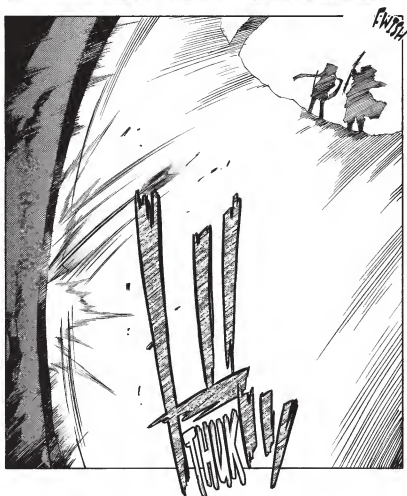
WHY...

I THOUGHT
YOU FOR-
BADE ME
TO SCALE
IT ALONE?

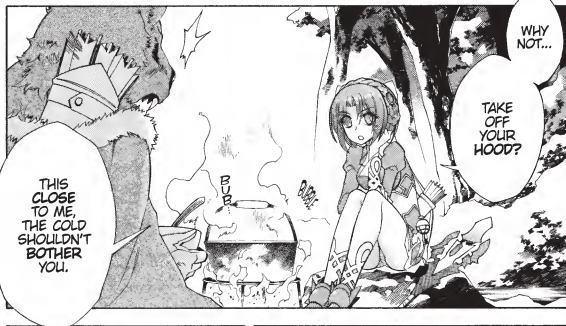












THIS
CLOSE
TO ME,
THE COLD
SHOULDN'T
BOTHER
YOU.

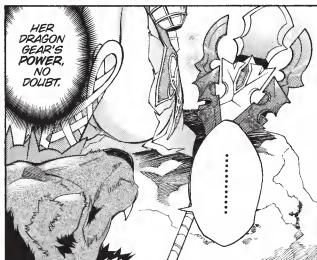
WHY
NOT...

TAKE
OFF
YOUR
HOOD?



T-TELL
ME, ARE
YOU...

A WAR
MAIDEN?



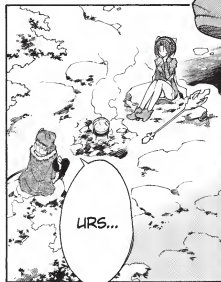
HER
DRAGON
GEAR'S
POWER,
NO
DOUBT.

.....



YOU
DON'T
SEEM
TAKEN
ABACK.

THAT'S
RIGHT.





WELL,
MRS.

COME AND
ENTER MY
SERVICE.

I PROMISE
TO SEE YOUR
MARVELOUS
MARKS-
MANSHIP
WELL-USED.



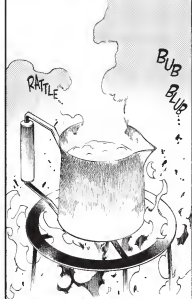
SUCH
SQUAN-
DERED
TALENT.

.....



THIS IS
JUST A
HUNTING
TRIP.

I WON'T
LEAVE MY
HOME-
LAND.







WHY
NOT
LET ME
LISTEN?

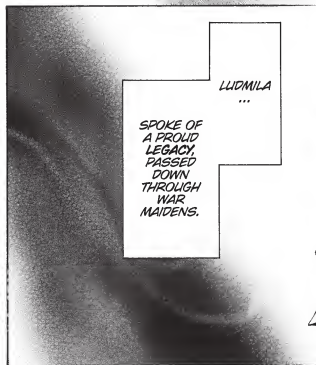


SINGING
INTO
HOLLOW
TREES?

ISN'T
THAT THE
SAYING?

HARDLY
BEARISH
ON THE
INSIDE.

YOU
ARE...



LUDMILA
...

SPOKE OF
A PROUD
LEGACY,
PASSED
DOWN
THROUGH
WAR
MAIDENS.





AND THE
BATTLE
THOSE
TIES
BOUND
HER TO.

HER
DUTY TO
MAINTAIN
TIES WITH
A MAN SHE
REVILED...



SENSING
HER
FRUS-
TRATION,
HER
MEN...

DIDN'T
BEGRIUDGE
HER THE
RESPIRE
OF A HUNT.



YOU'LL BE A
WELCOME
GUEST AT
MY MANOR
ANY DAY.



I'LL
REMEMBER
YOUR
NAME.

MRS
...

SHF



AHA!



!!

RUSTLE!!



WOOOOOH

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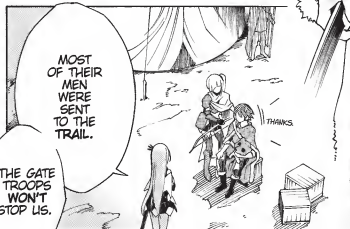


I
FOUND
A
SHORT-
CUT!

I CAN
LEAD A
HUNDRED
MEN TO
THEIR
STRONG-
HOLD!

WE JUST
HAVE TO
MANAGE
THE GATE!

WELL
DONE,
TIGRE!



MOST
OF THEIR
MEN
WERE
SENT
TO THE
TRAIL.

THE GATE
TROOPS
WON'T
STOP US.

THANKS



THEY'LL
SEE
A WAR
MAIDEN
EARN
HER
KEEP!

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◆ COLD SNOW AND SOMETHING WARM

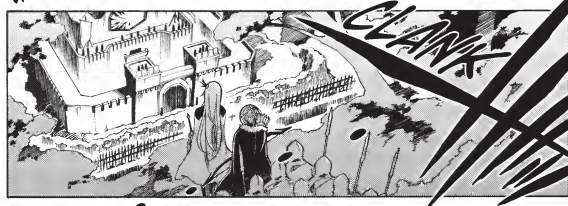
HOT...

YES,
MY
LADY!

LIM...

STRIKE THE
TRAIL WITH
MY OTHER
TROOPS. THE
DIVERSION'S
DOWN
TO YOU!

ME, TIGRE,
AND ONE
HUNDRED
MEN WILL
STORM
THEIR
STRONG-
HOLD.



MAYBE
BECAUSE
LUDMILA
FOUND ME
PROWLING
AROUND?



OH,
NO...

THEIR
DEFENSE
SEEMS
HEAVIER
NOW.

TIGRE!

THIS IS
BETTER-
GUARDED
THAN YOU
SAID!



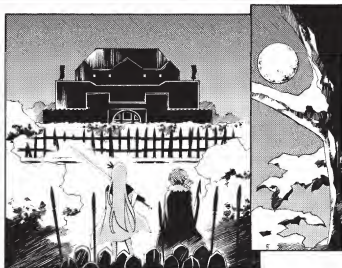
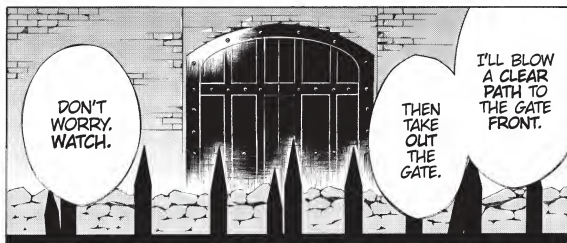


PLEASE
DON'T RISK
YOURSELF
NEEDLESSLY.

BUT
YOU'RE
PRECIOUS
TO ME.

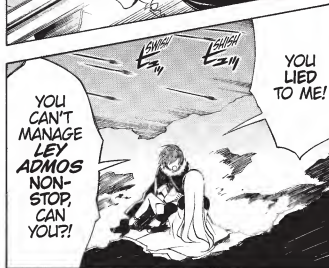


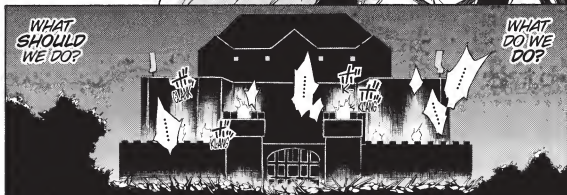
LET ME
SHOW
OFF
NOW
AND THEN.



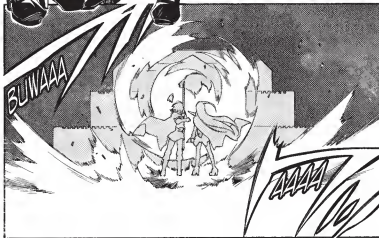
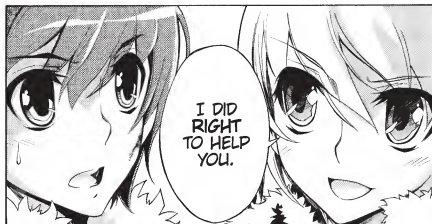




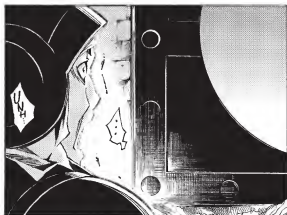


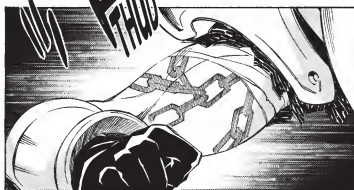
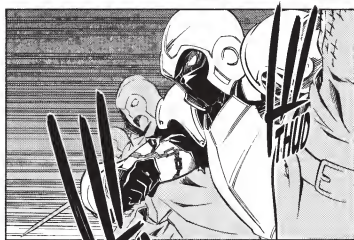


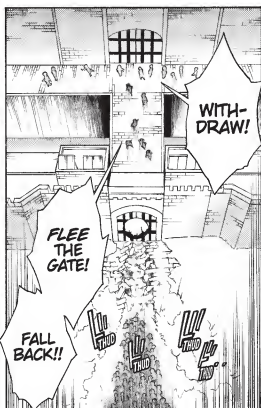


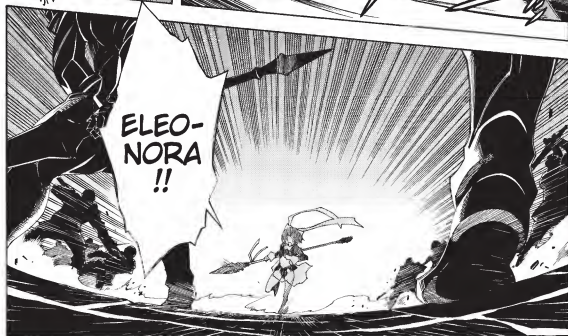
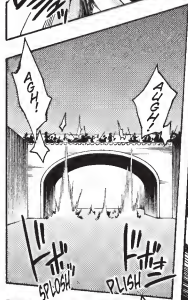




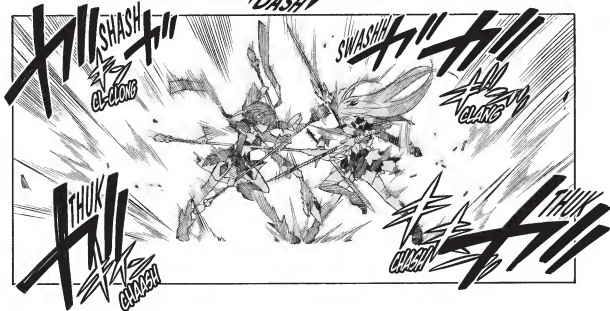


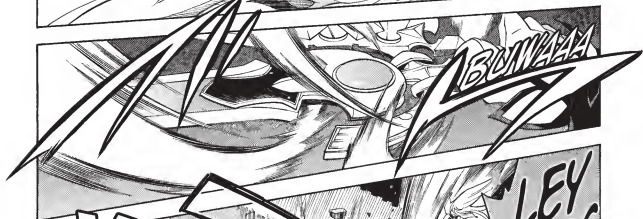






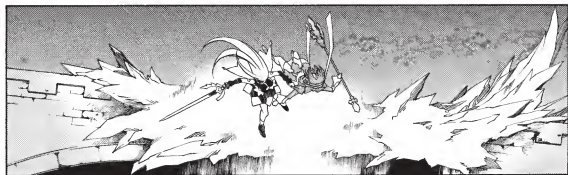


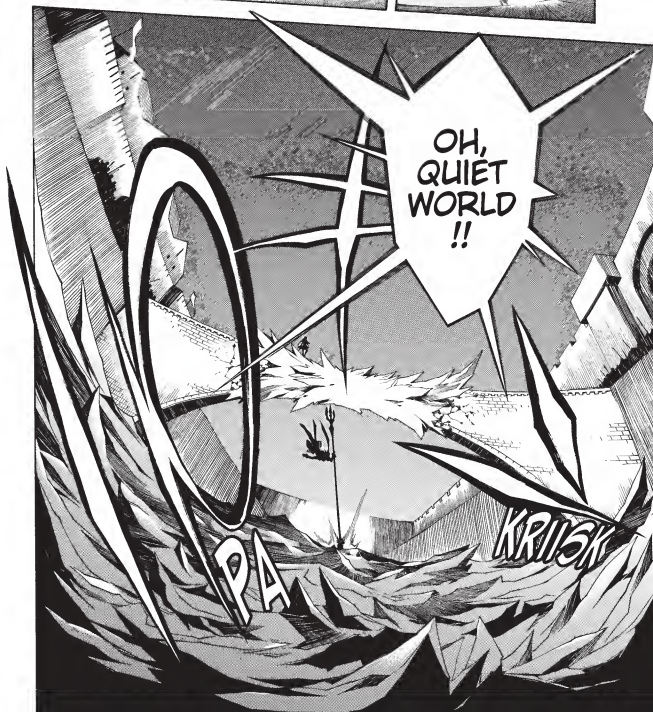
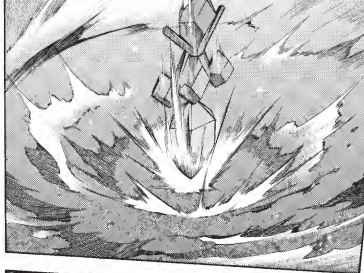








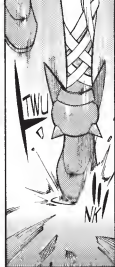






I'M
HERE
TO WIN.

YOU
STILL
FIGHT
DIRTY.



NOW
...

HOW DO
YOU LIKE
IT WHEN
SOMEONE
SNEERS
DOWN
THEIR
NOSE AT
YOU?



THAT'S
IT,
ELEO-
NORA!!

BLUSH
F
F

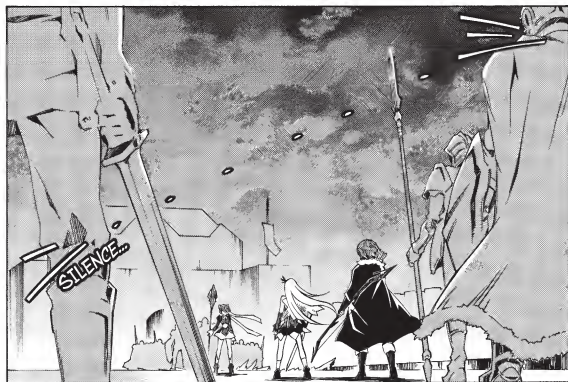
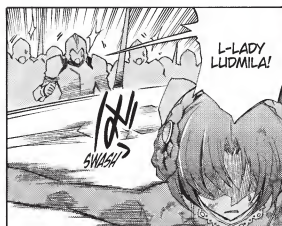


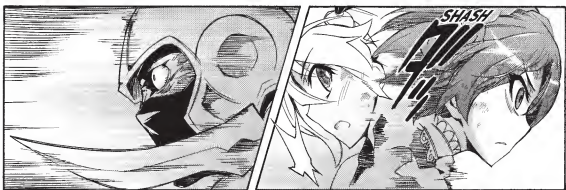
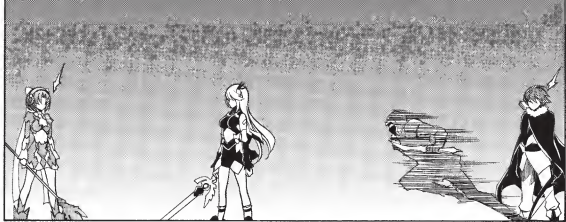
KWAA

**SKEWER
HER,
LAVIAS!!**

**RIP HER
APART,
ARIFAR!!**

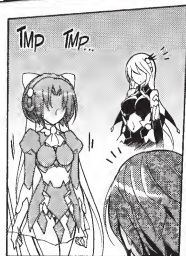








HE MUST
HAVE BEEN
THE LAST
ASSASSIN.



TTP TTP...

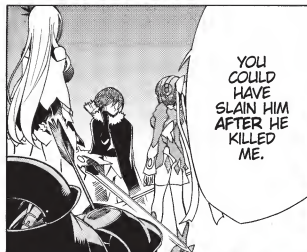


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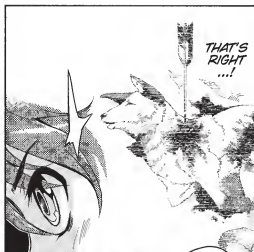


THAT
WAS
CLOSE.





YOU
COULD
HAVE
SLAIN HIM
AFTER HE
KILLED
ME.



THAT'S
RIGHT
...!



WHY
SAVE MY
LIFE?

.....

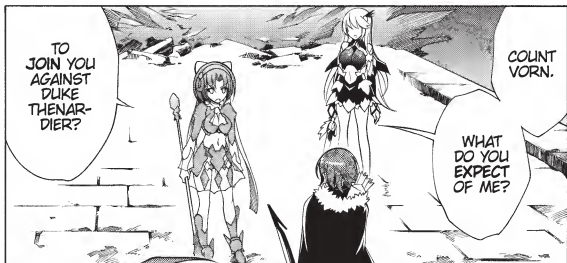


YOUR
CHAI
WAS SO
GOOD.

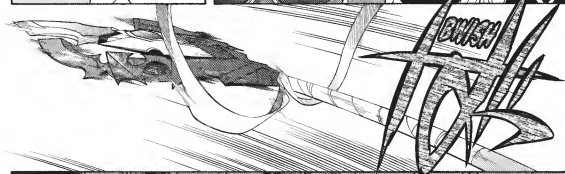
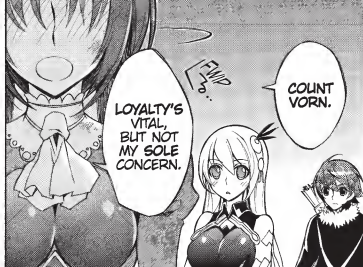
DELI-
CIOUS,
REALLY
AND
TRULY.



PERHAPS
OUT OF
THANKS.







CHAPTER 16: END

魔弾の王と戦姫

グナサデース



TO BE CONTINUED...

WORLD MAP



VALTA CANAL

SILESIA ★

LEITMERITZ

ZHCTED

OLMUTZ

DINANT

ALSACE

TERRITOIRE

★ NICE

NEMETACUM

BRUNE

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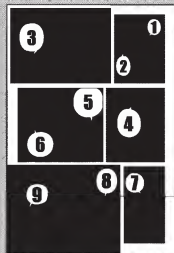
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